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PRESS RELEASE

New mandatory social gatherings restriction for Redwater

Alberta Health Services (AHS) is placing a new mandatory restriction on social gatherings for all municipalities in Alberta that are currently under watch or enhanced status, including the Town of Redwater, as the Town is statistically tied to Sturgeon County's COVID-19 cases. This restriction is effective immediately.

Social gatherings will be limited to 15 people because of higher spikes in COVID-19 cases; approximately 40 per cent of COVID-19 cases have been linked to social gatherings.

AHS defines social gatherings as a “mixing and mingling” gathering including but not limited to:

- Banquets and award ceremonies
- Wedding or funeral receptions
- Parties such as anniversaries, birthdays, baby showers, retirements, dinners, backyard BBQs
- Potlucks and luncheons
- Other private social gatherings and functions

This restriction does not affect current sport bookings or cohorts, gyms, places of worship, restaurants, and shopping.

AHS and the Town of Redwater are encouraging the entire community to also continue to follow voluntary measures including:

- Wear a mask in all indoor work settings, except when stationary and separate in a workplace or cubicle: you are safely distanced from others or a barrier is in place
- Limit your cohort to no more than three (core household, school, and one sport or social activity)

COVID-19 has impacted everyone in different ways. It is important we continue to support and be kind to each other. We are in this together, and we can get through this together.

Now is not the time to relax with COVID-19 still around us, now and for the foreseeable future. Please continue to follow the directives of Dr. Hinshaw. Please visit www.gov.ab.ca to view the latest COVID-19 information.

Respectfully,

Larry Davidson
Town Manager